

## NIH POLICY MANUAL

### 54809 - DURATION OF RECOMMENDED GRANT SUPPORT

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#### A. Purpose:

This issuance states the NIH's policy concerning the length of time for which the awarding unit may make an advance commitment for grant support.

#### B. Applicability:

This policy is applicable to all assistance programs whose awards include future years of recommended grant support.

#### C. Background:

Periodically the length of time for which grants may be awarded (including years of future recommended support) has been evaluated in light of its implication for the grant program involved. The increased diversity of devices and sources of support, the mobility of investigators, the frequent changes in institution executives, and the ever increasing competition for NIH grant funds require a certain frequency of formal technical review.

#### D. References:

1. Code of Federal Regulations, Title 42, Public Health, Parts 52 and 64.
2. PHS Grants Administration Manual (GAM) Chapter 1-20, PHS Implementation of Department Policies
3. PHS GAM Chapter 1-85, The Project Period System of Obligating Funds for Discretionary Project Grants
4. NIH Manual Chapter 4700, Notice of Grant Award
5. NIH Manual Chapter 4802, Extension of Project Period

#### E. Definitions:

Project Period - The total time for which a project is approved for support, including any extensions thereof.

Competitive Segment - The initial period of recommended support (usually 1 to 5 years) or each successive competing continuation period of a project period.

Budget Period - The interval of time (usually 12 months) into which a multi-

year period of assistance (project period) is divided for funding and reporting purposes.

**F. Policy:**

In keeping with Public Health Service policy, NIH awarding units shall not approve an initial project period or any competitive extension thereof for more than 5 years (3 years for foreign grants) unless specifically permitted by legislation or regulation or as an approved deviation by the Deputy Director for Extramural Research and Training under the provisions of PHS GAM Chapter 1-20.

The amount and duration of support beyond the final year of each competitive segment will be determined by a competitive review prior to the end of the last year (budget period) of recommended support.

**G. Effective Date:**

This policy is effective on date of release.

**H. Additional Information:**

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